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FM AMEMBASSY BELGRADE  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L BELGRADE 0764

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OCLR PFOR MILI YO  
SUBJECT: PROPOSED NAVAL VISIT: USS LITTLE ROCK, DUBROVNIK;  
USS SANTA BARBARA, RIJEKA

REF: CINCUSNAVEUR 081311Z FEB 75; STATE 034626

1. BY SEPARATE TEL MILITARY CHANNELS DAO IS INDICATING  
THAT EMBASSY HAS YET TO RECEIVE A REPLY TO ITS INQUIRY RE  
SINGLE FLEET VISITS ENCOMPASSING MULTIPLE PORTS, CONFIRMING  
THAT NO PRECEDENT EXISTS FOR SUCH, AND RECOMMENDING THAT  
WE AVOID FORMAL REQUEST FOR THIS AT THIS TIME AND SHIFT  
BOTH UNITS OF PROPOSED VISIT TO RIJEKA.

2. WE ARE DOUBTFUL THAT YUGOSLAVS WILL APPROVE TWO-PORT  
VISIT, AND DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS IN OUR INTEREST TO PRESS  
FOR SUCH APPROVAL AT THIS TIME. LIKELY RESULT OF OUR  
INFORMAL INQUIRY WILL BE NO RESPONSE AT ALL, AND THIS IS A  
USUAL SIGNAL THAT THEY DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO SAY NO, BUT  
CAN'T SAY YES.

3. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, EMBASSY BELIEVES BEST COURSE  
IS TO GO AHEAD WITH REQUEST FOR VISIT OF BOTH UNITS TO  
SINGLE PORT. FROM POINT OF VIEW OF ATTAINING OUR POLICY  
OBJECTIVE OF ENHANCING MILITARY-TO-MILITARY CONTACTS, IT  
WILL MAKE MUCH MORE SENSE FOR OUR FLAG SHIP TO VISIT A PORT  
WITH A MAJOR MILITARY HEADQUARTERS. RIJEKA FITS THAT BILL, AND  
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IN ADDITION WITH THE NEIGHBORING RESORT AREA OF OPATIJA HAS

THE FACILITIES TO HANDLE THE NUMBER OF MEN WE WOULD PUT ON  
THE BEACH FROM THE TWO SHIPS.

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